

EDITORIALS

A Dodger Deal

It would seem to a casual observer that The Dodgers' Walter O'Malley is on a bit of a spot.

He has Wrigley Field with a capacity slightly in excess of 20,000 in which to play ball. He needs much more. He discussed terms with Coliseum officials—and apparently is in trouble there. Besides the high cost of converting the huge bowl to handle baseball, and the conflict of long-standing Coliseum events, the baseball fans will not be able to get beer in the Coliseum.

Another possibility is the Rose Bowl, idle during most of the baseball season. Here again opposition from nearby residents, the limitations of access, and other factors make that far from ideal.

Chavez Ravine may always be just that. The referendum which has been successfully petitioned, and two taxpayers suits which are headed for court may keep the Dodgers out of the Ravine property for years and years—perhaps forever.

If Southern California is going to have major league baseball in a spot where the fans can gather to watch it, we suggest that Mr. O'Malley and associates take a look at another possibility—one that won't solve his 1958 problem, but which would put him in the big leagues again after that.

Why doesn't Mr. O'Malley and Dominguez Estates Co. get together and build a stadium somewhere in the Dominguez industrial tract area?

We can think of a number of good reasons why such a move would be wise:

1. The area will be served by the Long Beach, Artesia, Harbor, San Diego, and Industrial Freeways within five years. This would make it easily accessible to fans from any point in the Southern California area.

2. The populations trend to the south and southeast would provide the Dodgers with the fans necessary to carry the expensive overhead such an operation requires.

3. Land is plentiful and an ample stadium site plus necessary parking could be obtained. At least 700 acres are available in the area bounded by Avalon, Wilmington and 190th.

4. It would be close enough so Torrance fans could attend.

And the Torrance, Comita area has provided many baseball players for professional ranks.

There are many more, but that can give the Dodger officials a hint of the possibilities.

Now go to it.

Bigger Phone Bills

Protest over the interim rate hike granted to four Southern California telephone companies are mounting as highly placed municipal officers and other community leaders demand to be heard on the matter.

If contentions of such people as Los Angeles City Attorney Roger Arnebergh are valid, the Public Utilities Commission heard only the company's case and granted the increase prior to hearing the opposition. If true, every telephone user has a reasonable complaint.

Arnebergh contends that the rate boost was granted to strengthen the profit structure of the telephone companies, not to assure sound operations.

With other increasing costs of living and doing business in Southern California, the telephone companies may have chosen an ill-advised time to seek greater profits—if the opponents' contentions are valid.

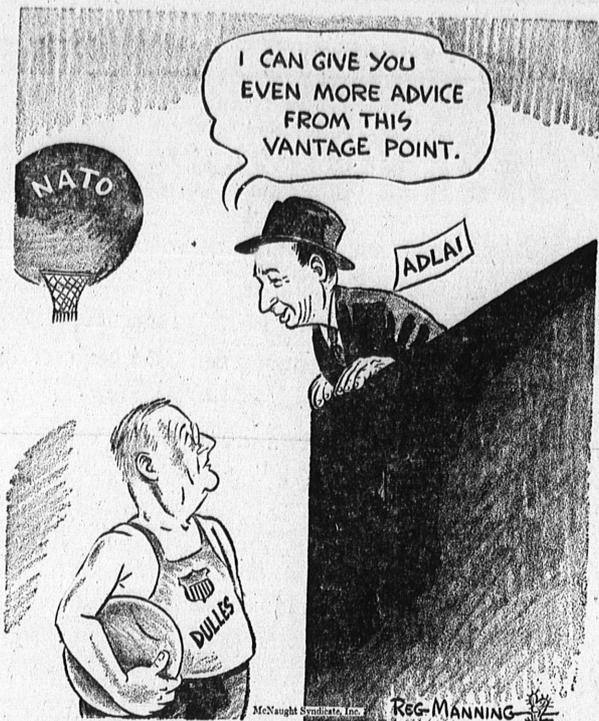
The rate hike could mean as much as 80 or 90 per cent increase in some call costs. Very few people and businesses confine calls to their local area—most homeowners in the Southland have friends and relatives scattered throughout the huge Los Angeles complex, and make calls often to exchanges which require extra charges for message units used. A boost in these units, plus a shortening of the distances in which they are effective can become increasingly expensive.

Opinions of Others

Many Americans now realize that things like Sputnik grow out of basic research done years before any spectacular results are achieved. Thus "basic research" has new stature in public opinion. . . . The freedom which basic research must have is better assured through non-governmental gifts to institutions which instinctively know and resolutely cherish its value.—Brownsville (Pa.) Telegraph.

Safe gun handling means that you and the other fellow will come back. The hunting seasons are designed for trophies rather than tragedies. Good luck, enjoy the hunt—but be careful!—Spooner (Wis.) Advocate.

Go Right On With The Game



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

That Office Party, Again

Dear Ann: Well, it's THAT time of year again and my husband and I are having the same old fight. It's about the Christmas office party.

My husband works in a large office and there are several good-looking girls around, both married and single—but mostly married. The annual Christmas party is always a drunken brawl. Last year my husband wound up in a roadhouse with a redheaded bookkeeper and he didn't get home until 4:30 a.m. She dumped him on the porch. My husband was so ashamed of himself he couldn't look me square in the eye until St. Patrick's Day.

You would think he had learned his lesson, but no. Now he's trying to soften me up for this year's party. The company rules say that no husbands or wives may attend. My husband has gone to seven of these parties and I'm at the end of my good-natured rope. He promised if I'd write, he'd pay attention to your advice. So let's have it.—Seven-Year Hitch.

The Annual Christmas Office Party has gotten to be more of a sickness than a social event. For this reason, many firms have cut it out.

They've decided the damage done at these affairs is often greater than the good will they generate. It's difficult for executives and department heads to operate on a business basis after bending an elbow with the shipping department and dancing until dawn with the stenographers.

Not all office parties are Roman orgies, however. Some are respectable affairs—but these usually include the wives and husbands. If The Office Party causes trouble at home the husband or wife should skip it. This is a small sacrifice for someone you promised to love, honor and cherish—till death do you part.

Dear Ann: My wife is on the verge of a nervous breakdown. We've been married three years and want very much to have a family, but we've been unsuccessful.

To make matters worse, she's the oldest of four sisters and every one of them was married after we were. They have all had babies.

My wife has gone to several doctors but she won't stick with one long enough to give him a chance to help her. She cries a lot and is 15 pounds underweight. Whenever she sees her sisters' children she goes into a depression that lasts for days. What do you suggest?—Worn Out.

Your wife's tense emotional condition is probably a factor in her inability to become pregnant. No doubt her doc-

tors have told her this but she won't listen . . . or can't control her tensions.

In numerous cases, after the discouraged couple had given up hope of becoming parents and started adoption proceedings, they discovered a baby was on the way. Countess couples, after adopting a child, went on to have three and four of their own, which proved that parenthood was possible when the pressure was off.

Talk to your wife about adoption. The anticipating of getting a child may relax her sufficiently so that good things could happen. Good luck and please read on.

Dear Ann: The letter signed "Childless Melba" was very sad. I have a practical suggestion for her and others who are 3000 on the waiting list of adopting agencies.

If you can go to Europe (particularly Austria) you may visit any number of orphanages and select as many children as you would like to

have. And it's all free.—R.V.H.

Dear R.V.H.: You make it sound TOO easy. How about the red tape and complications? Some cases are more involved than others, of course, but it's worth looking into. However, we shouldn't send our readers over in boatloads with the impression that it's a lead-pipe cinch.

Confidentially: Over The Hill: Don't give up, Dad. It may be all in your head. Mind over matter, and maybe a tonic or two could be the answer. See your doc.

J.J.K.: Those "foreign-born, ignorant peasants" helped to make this country great. Put your nose back in joint.

Ready For Anything: I hope you're ready for a haul of trouble. This girl is under-age and her father can do plenty!

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. © 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

LAW IN ACTION

Courts and Death

If no one has seen hide nor hair of you for seven unexplained years, a California court may presume that you are dead and name someone to look after your property.

After three more years of absence—making 10 in all—the court may order your estate distributed just as though you had died a natural death. It may divide the property before the three years are up, if your heirs will post a bond to make good your property should you come back alive after all. But after 10 years you have no claim on the estate.

Courts may declare a person dead before the seven years are up if the facts seem to warrant it. For example when a person vanished 10,000 feet up in the Sierra during a blizzard, when a ship's passenger disappeared in mid-ocean between ports, or when a soldier in battle disappeared after his own buried fellow and the enemy buried those left on the field of battle.

The court may also name a trustee to look after a missing person's property after 90 days, if it needs attention.

In any event, the court prescribes certain rigid steps which must be taken. These steps call for a petition to the court, the publication of a notice of the court's hearing on the petition, the hearing, the naming of an administrator, and other safeguards.

The administrator looks after the property and makes payments for family support. He acts under court supervision.

If the missing person comes

back before the 10 years are up, he may go to the court, prove his identity, get an accounting of his property, and resume ownership under court order.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Stage Traditions Upheld

In the truest traditions of the theater, the Torrance High choir proved twice Friday night that they had heard and were capable of upholding the old credo that "The show must go on."

Nearing the end of the program, described by those in attendance as a remarkable demonstration of singing skills, one of the husky members of the choir fainted dead away on the stage. The choir went on without missing a note.

A few minutes later the second member of the choir keeled over—but the show went on.

Real trouper. Centensis around the city yesterday had it that the football fans from the northwest had better make the most of next January's Rose Bowl appearance by an Oregon team. Most sports enthusiasts will tell you they think it will be a long, long time before another so-so team from the northern schools will be asked to represent the West in

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

European Steel Boom Likely

The phenomenal postwar growth of the American steel industry is about to be duplicated in western Europe. In the United States, an output of 114 million tons of ingots and steel for castings is indicated for 1957, making the year the third largest in history. (The industry's capacity is around 133.5 million tons, up 24.9 million tons since 1952.)

If western Europe steel companies can raise funds to underwrite their planned expansion, its prewar steelmaking capacity can be almost doubled, to an annual 122 million net tons by 1960, steel sources in this country believe. The proposed expansion by 26 to 28 million net tons in the next three years will be largely in West Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Belgium, Spain, Sweden and Austria.

What this will do for world trade is seen in the prediction that a rise of as much as 40 per cent above the 1955 level can be expected in western Europe's exports of end products made of steel. To accomplish this, western Europe steelmakers will increase their dependence on non-European (particularly western hemisphere) suppliers of raw materials.

Looking Ahead — Bright prospects also lie ahead for American companies and industries thinking and planning for the world consumer goods market, a leading U.S. business executive said this week. Lewis R. Rosenstiel, chairman of Schenley Industries, Inc., foresees an increase in the world's population of about 600 million consumers by 1970 — with demand for manufactured products expanding accordingly.

Each year the population equivalent of a country the size of France is added to the world's peoples, Mr. Rosenstiel said. In the United States alone, the population

growth approximates 3 million persons annually.

"The creation of a better life with peaceful interchange of goods and services" is envisioned by the Schenley chairman through the application to peaceful uses of the scientific advances of our present era. The progress stemming from these advances should permit a shorter work week, more leisure time and an improved standard of living, he concluded.

Things To Come—To slow corrosion in fuel shortage tanks, a major cause of oil burner breakdowns, you can buy a four-inch bar of special alkaline magnesium alloy which is suspended in the tank by a wire attached to the filler cap. . . . A 12-foot stepladder that rolls up in a bundle no bigger than a briefcase is made up of four-inch blocks with stressed aircraft cables to keep it rigid. . . . And, for the man who has everything, there's a mink-trimmed golf tee on sale on the specialty counters.

Missile Mustle—The deadly accuracy of infrared as a detection technique in missile warfare has been graphically demonstrated with the Navy's Sidewinder missile.

The Sidewinder is an infrared, or heat-seeker, missile with the extraordinary record of knocking a flare from the wing tip of a drone without damaging it. But further development of detection materials aimed at improving infrared devices is needed, according to a leading rocket scientist.

Dr. Donald Wahl, missile expert with the Avion division of ACF Industries, Inc., at Paramus, N.J., said that detectors of infrared radiation must also be developed with sensitivity in the longer wave-length region in order to pick up the plume energy

given off by a missile. He revealed that detection cell materials such as germanium and lead selenide are now being worked on.

Is This Tip Necessary?—The government uses 5400 freight cars of paper every year for printing, duplicating and office purposes—including such pamphlets as "Tools for Food Preparation and Dishwashing."

Typical tip to housewives from this service booklet: "Dishpans should be large enough to hold the dishes but not too large for the sink."

Paperwork such as this reminds us, says the Tax Foundation, that government continues to grow in costs and services. The civilian payroll in the executive branch in 1947 amounted to \$162 in taxes for every family in the country. Now, 10 years later, it comes to \$255 in taxes for every family. Most families, we believe, would gladly dispense with dishwashing hints—and a lot of other government advice—if such economies would mean a saving of any part of that extra \$93 tax assessment.

Bits o' Business—The airlines' policy of assessing a \$3 penalty against persons who fail to make the trip for which they have reserved space and don't bother to tell the airline has cut the number of "no-shows" in half during the past year, the Air Transport Assn. reports. . . . Demand for schools, water, and sewer systems is keeping the volume of municipal financing at a record \$7 billion on annual rate and municipal securities men believe this will hold through 1958. . . . With the hotel room occupancy rate down to 71 per cent over the nation, the big chains are stepping up efforts to modernize and improve their services.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Christmas from Many Angles

Christmas comes but once a year and when it does—lots of things happen.

For Junior and Susie, Christmas is a period of a thousand delights. There's Christmas parties, Santa Claus presents, Christmas trees, and vacation from school.

For Mom, it's a period of frantic shopping, wrapping, mailing, addressing Christmas cards, cleaning the house for guests, cooking turkeys, and trying to keep Junior from unwrapping the Christmas presents.

For Pop, it's a time when his wallet looks like a vacuum cleaner had given it a thorough cleaning. Pop has to select the Christmas tree, hunt up the ornaments, lug in the heavy presents, and help his better half prepare for the onslaught of guests.

For the harried clerks in

the stores, Christmas means being mobbed by hosts of frantic shoppers and standing until their feet are ready to drop off. It also means their heads spin with echoes of the Christmas carol records they hear played all day long.

For the postman, Christmas is no holiday—only a time when he has to work twice as hard, lugging around the heavy deluge of assorted presents and cards.

For the school teacher, Christmas means helping Junior and Susie to cut out paper Santa Clauses and to make presents for Mom and Pop. It's a time when they have a hard time controlling the youthful excitement over what Santa Claus will bring.

Teachers, however, will get a two-week rest from their labors, along with the kids. For the Sunday school teacher, it means teaching Junior and Susie their pieces

for the Sunday school pageant and helping to see that everything goes smoothly, which, of course, it won't.

For the deliveryman, the Yule season brings a torrent of packages to strain his back and keep him occupied.

For the bus driver, it means sandwiching more people into his vehicle and repeating, "Step to the rear of the bus, please."

For the shopper, Christmas is a time when he fights for what he buys and gets poked with umbrellas, packages, and elbows for his efforts.

For the newspaperman, it brings a flood of stories about Christmas parties and means that he has to think of different ways to write about each one. He also tries to figure out how to get "Christmas" into a headline. ("Yule" fits much better.)

For the store owner, it's a period when he has plenty of headaches, but is compensated by the jingling of his cash register.

For the minister, Christmas is heartwarming. His pews are filled and people are behaving more like he keeps telling them they should.

For a few, the Yule season brings no joy because they have no money to note the season. For them, Christmas is just another day.

Christmas comes but once a year and whatever it means, it's almost here.

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